

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-13 (cancelled)

Claim 14 (currently amended): Handle (11) for a handheld engine powered tool comprising at least a pivotable throttle lever (12) and a pivotable safety button (13) which are pivotable elements for controlling the power of the tool, the handle (11) being made of a first handle section (15) and a second handle section (16), each of the pivotable elements being directly pivotally coupled to only the second handle section (16), and indirectly coupled to the first handle section (15), so that the functions of the pivotable elements are separate from the alignment of the first handle section (15) relative to the second handle section (16),

characterized in that the first and second handle sections (15, 16) are permanently joined together so as to form a leak-inhibiting joint therebetween such that a portion of the handle forms a fuel tank (14), and

further characterized in that each of the pivotable elements is directly pivotally connected to the second handle section (16) by a pivotable connection selected from the group consisting of:

a supporting section (20) extending from the second handle section (16) that is provided with a pocket (21) where the pivotable element is placed and secured by a locking pin (23) acting as the axle for the pivotable element;

a pin (25) extending from the second handle section (16) that is snapped into a circular section of a keyhole-shaped opening (26) in the pivotable element wherein the pin extends in a transverse direction from the second handle section (16) in relation to the longitudinal axle so that the pivotable element turns around the pin (25); and

a separate metallic or plastic pin (31) pressed into a prepared opening (32) in the second handle section (16) so that the pivotable element rotates about the separate metallic or plastic pin (31).

Claim 15 (cancelled)

Claim 16 (currently amended): Handle according to claim 15 14, characterized in that the safety button (13) is provided with an arm (17) that is moveable when the button (13) is pressed, the arm (17) inhibiting movement of the lever (12) when the button (13) is not pressed.

Claim 17 (previously presented): Handle according to claim 14, characterized in that the other handle section (15) is provided with a protruding circular-shaped edge (34) surrounding a part or the entire pin (25) so that when the handle sections are joined together one end of the pin (25) is placed inside the protruding circular-shaped edge (34) so that the protruding circular-shaped edge (34) supports the pin (25) when the pin (25) is subjected to high loads.

Claim 18 (currently amended): Handle according to claim 14 31, characterized in that the other handle section (15) is provided with a supporting edge (36) surrounding a part or the entire separate metallic or plastic pin (31) so that when the handle sections are joined together, one end of the separate metallic or plastic pin (31) is placed inside the supporting edge (36) so that the supporting edge (36) supports the separate metallic or plastic pin (31) when the pin (31) is subjected to high loads.

Claim 19-21 (cancelled)

Claim 22 (currently amended): Handle according to claim 20 14, characterized in that the first handle section (15) is provided with a hole (35) surrounding a part or the entire locking pin (23) so that when the handle sections (15, 16) are joined together, one end of the locking pin (23) can be inserted into the openings (22) by way of the hole (35).

Claim 23 (previously presented): Handle according to claim 22, wherein the diameter of the hole (35) is larger than the diameter of the locking pin (23).

Claim 24 (cancelled)

Claim 25 (currently amended): Handle according to claim 24 17, wherein the diameter of the circular-shaped edge (34) is larger than the diameter of the pin (25).

Claim 26 (cancelled)

Claim 27 (currently amended): Handle according to claim 26 18, wherein the diameter of the supporting edge (36) is larger than the diameter of the pin (31).

Claim 28 (currently amended): Handle according to claim 20 14, characterized in that the safety button (13) stops the operator from increasing the throttle of the engine if the operator is not holding his hand around the handle (11) and the safety button (13) pressed.

Claim 29 (currently amended): Handle according to claim 28 24, characterized in that the safety button (13) is provided with an arm (17) that is moveable when the button (13) is pressed, the arm (17) inhibiting movement of the lever (12) when the button (13) is not pressed.

Claim 30 (currently amended): Handle according to claim 20 14, characterized in that the first and second handle sections (15, 16) are made of a plastic or metallic material and are permanently joined together either by welding or gluing.

Claim 31 (new): Handle according to claim 14, characterized in that a pivotable line wheel is a further pivotable element.